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MELVILLE CASTLE.

The seat of the Right Honourable Robert Dundas, Lord Vise Melville, stands on the northern bank of the North Esk, near the village and parish church of Lasswade, at the distance of about five miles south-west from Edinburgh & about three miles west from Dalkeith. It enjoys no very extensive prospects, and is not seen from any considerable distance. The adjacent grounds, on both sides of the river, advance boldly almost to the very edge of the stream; then, terminating somewhat abruptly, leave on either side a small extent of low-lying level mead, between the descent and the bank of the river. The tract of level mead on the northern bank is the broadest, and here stands Melville Castle. From the higher grounds immediately above, the prospect is sufficiently rich, extensive, and varied. Some fine wood is scattered near the house, and round the park. In the present View, Melville Castle is supposed to be seen from the southern bank of the river, on which it stands. And here the banks on both sides are narrower than either above or below.